



THE BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL OF TOC H 1948

The Festival of the Thirty-third Birthday of Talbot House will be held in London on Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, 1948. Here is an outline of the Programme.

Saturday, December 11

2.30 for THE FESTIVAL SERVICE at the Royal Albert Hall,
3 p.m. followed by an interval for reunion and refreshments.

5.15 for THE FESTIVAL EVENING at the Royal Albert Hall
5.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m.

BILLETS for those who need them.

Sunday, December 12

8 a.m. CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION, MORNING
to noon. SERVICES AND FESTIVAL PREACHMENTS and Breakfast.

1.30 p.m. THE FAMILY GATHERING at the Empress Hall,
Earls Court, until 4.30 p.m. (6 p.m. for those who can stay).

THIS BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL, the first of its kind since 1938, is for Toc H Members and probationers representing all the Branches in the British Isles. Their male guests will be welcome on Sunday at the Services and Family Gathering.

THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT will begin in the Royal Albert Hall at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, and will be observed in this country and in turn throughout the world until 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 12.

Application Form overleaf.

Notes about the Programme and Tickets

1. **THE FESTIVAL WEEK-END:** All Branches are asked to select a representative contingent of members (including one to be Banner Bearer, if they have a Banner). Groups of men awaiting recognition as a Toc H Branch are also invited to be represented. Expenses, it is suggested, should be pooled by each unit. Some Branches far distant from London may not be able to arrange for a full representation of at least eight members, but the idea is that as many Branches as possible should have at least a few members present for the whole week-end, so that the membership throughout the country may hear directly of the message and challenge of this year's Festival.

2. **MEMBERS FROM OVERSEAS** and **Central and Area general members** will be welcome. It may, however, become impossible to issue tickets for some events, such as those in the Royal Albert Hall, to those who apply after the first allotment has been made on November 22.

3. **BILLETS** for Saturday night will be provided for those who need them but bookings at hotels will not be made by the Festival Committee. Many members, it is hoped, will be able to make their own arrangements for private hospitality. Others can be comfortably accommodated, provided no further emergencies arise to prevent its use, at the Clapham South Leave Hostels Annexe. This deep shelter is fully maintained, air-conditioned and of temperate warmth. A canteen, washing facilities and wire-spring bunks with mattress, pillow and blankets are provided. It is easily accessible, being well served by 'buses and by Underground from Charing Cross, Monument, etc. to Clapham South Station.

4. **ON SUNDAY MORNING** members are asked to attend Services in their local Churches or to avail themselves of arrangements made by the Padres concerned for those coming from afar. For those staying at Clapham there will be Services of Holy Communion nearby, and for others at All Hallows and in the neighbourhood of Tower Hill from 8.30 a.m. For Free Churchmen there will be a Service at 11 a.m. at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, E.C.1, followed by Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m. Toc H Padres will also be preaching at Services at other Churches in the City of London and elsewhere.

5. **THE FAMILY GATHERING** at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, on Sunday afternoon will provide ample opportunity for meeting friends among the membership and for welcoming male guests.

6. **THE EXPENSES** of the Festival are being kept to a minimum but the renting of halls and Sunday catering are heavy items. Members will need to pay on the spot for any meals they require, other than those shown on the application form opposite. There will also be such personal expenses in London as 'bus and tube fares and the souvenir programme (1s.).

(i) Members are asked to pay in advance for the beds and meals they will require, to be provided as shown opposite, also for Family Gathering Tickets for any other members and male guests they wish to bring on Sunday afternoon.

(ii) To cover the cost of the Festival as a whole, including the main events (marked * * * opposite), members are asked to contribute what they feel they can afford to **the Festival Fund**. In the case of Branch contingents, the contributions should average not less than 6s. per member in Branches travelling from a distance and not less than 10s. per member in London and the Home Counties. If there is any surplus, it will benefit the Family Purse of Toc H as a whole.

7. **THE ACCOMMODATION** of the halls available for this great gathering is such that this occasion must be one for **Men Only**.

Please complete and detach the Application Form,
retaining a note of all you have ordered.

BRANCH MEMBERS are asked to complete this **Application Form**, detach and hand it, with cash, to their Secretary (preferably not later than November 18).

CENTRAL AND AREA GENERAL MEMBERS and others should send this form at once, with remittance made payable to 'Toc H', direct to The Festival Secretary, Toc H, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

The Birthday Festival of Toc H, 1948

I wish to apply for the following Tickets and have deleted all that does not apply:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11—AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL:

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| (a) <i>One for the Festival Service at 2.30 for 3 p.m.</i> | * | * | * |
| (b) <i>One for Tea at 4.15 p.m.</i> | * | * | * |
| (c) <i>One for the Festival Evening at 5.15 p.m.</i> | * | * | * |

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11/12:

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| One for a Bed at the | Payment | |
| (d) <i>Clapham Hostel</i> | due: | £ : : |
| <i>One for Breakfast nearby</i> | 5s. 6d. | |

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12:

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| (e) <i>One for Breakfast near Tower Hill.</i> | | | |
| <i>Payment due: 2s. 6d.</i> | £ | : | : |
| (f) <i>One for the Family Gathering from 1.30 p.m.</i> | * | * | * |
| (g) <i>for my male Friends at the Family Gathering. Payment due: 2s. 6d. each</i> | £ | : | : |
| (h) <i>for Tea at 4.30 p.m. at the Family Gathering. Payment due: 2s. 6d. each</i> | £ | : | : |

I enclose Cash/Cheque/Postal Order:
(See Note 6).

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| (i) in respect of the items above . | £ | : | : |
| (ii) as my contribution to the Festival Fund . | £ | : | : |

Total .	£	:	:
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Name and Address.....
(In Block Letters)

Membership

Number.....
or Probationer.

PLEASE CHECK and put a thick line through all the items (a) to (h) that do not apply.

